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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Section 9C of Chapter 29 of the Massachusetts General Laws, Secretary of Administration and Finance Kristen Lepore has advised me of a projected budget shortfall of \$98 million in Fiscal Year 2017. This letter and the attached supporting documents detail the spending reductions that I am undertaking to close this shortfall.

I am making the attached reductions to Executive Branch accounts under my Section 9C authority. These reductions were made in close consultation with my Cabinet Secretaries and their respective teams.

It is our shared responsibility to address this shortfall, and I look forward to working with you to do so. A timely solve to the current budget problem will place the Commonwealth on sound footing as we move forward into the Fiscal Year 2018 budget season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles D. Baker".

Charles D. Baker
Governor

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